

## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: April 22, 2015

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Josh Copley, Deputy City Manager

CC: Jeff Meilbeck, Jerene Watson, Leadership Team

SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL COURTHOUSE PLANNING

This report is intended to provide Council with details regarding continuing efforts by staff to attain your goal of developing a new municipal courthouse.

### DISCUSSION

During its work session of March 31, 2015, Council provided staff with direction to move forward with exploring the viability of remodeling and expanding the building at the present location through the City's site plan review process. That work continues and minimal funds have been expended in this process thus far.

As part of our due diligence in exploring all possible options, both economic and operational, staff continues to dialogue with Coconino County regarding the possibility of establishing a co-located courts facility on their property at the site of the old jail on the corner of Birch Ave. and Agassiz St. At this time, the discussion with the County is preliminary in nature and at a very high level.

The County has engaged the services of a consultant to examine the space and programming needs of the City and County to help determine if a project at this site is feasible. City and County staff will meet together with the consultant at a workshop to be held in May to discuss challenges and opportunities associated with the project and determine if further pursuit of the idea is warranted. If so, our intent is to come back to Council to update you on our progress and seek further direction.

### RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION

This report is for information only.